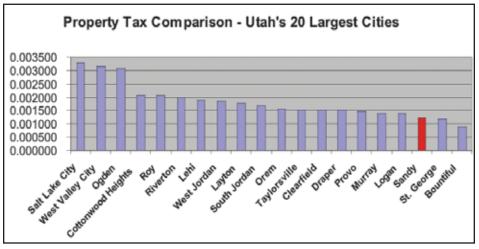
## Sandy to Host Top of the Mountains Bowl Game at Rio Tinto Stadium

The Top of the Mountains Bowl, hosting the national championship football game for junior colleges, will be played in Sandy at Rio Tinto Stadium on Dec. 6. This event will be the first time an American Football game will be played in the new Rio Tinto Stadium and will feature the #1 ranked Snow College, playing the #2 ranked Butler County Community College from El Dorado, Kansas. The Snow College team includes a number of players from Sandy. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$15 and are available at www.riotintostadium



.com. For more information about the bowl game, please visit the "What's New" section of the Sandy website at www.sandy.utah.gov.

# Sandy's Property Tax Statewide Comparison



In last month's newsletter, an article on property taxes offered some information about Sandy City's property tax and showed how Sandy's municipal property tax compared to other cities within Salt Lake County. When comparing Sandy's municipal property tax statewide, Sandy again compares favorably with cities across the state.

# Fall Leaf Collection

The city has contracted with Waste Management to conduct a leaf collection program. Please place your leaves curbside in plastic bags with the tops tied to prevent the wind from blowing them around. If you live **south of 9400 South,** place your leaves curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1. If you live **north of 9400 South,** place your leaves curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 8. Your leaves must be placed curbside on Monday to ensure that they are picked up that week. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 568-2999.

# Holiday Waste Collection

Since the Trans-Jordan Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, your regularly scheduled service on Thursday and Friday will be delayed one day. The Utah Taxpayers Association recently noted Sandy as having one of the lowest property tax rates among the 30 largest cities in the state. The graph above shows how property tax rate compares among the 20 largest cities in Utah. If you would like more information about Sandy's taxes and budget, you can view the city's budget book on the city's website at www.sandy.utah.gov.

### Sandy City Approves Reduction in Budget

Sandy City is reducing its spending this fiscal year by cutting back on capital projects and departmental budgets. Currently, Sandy City's Finance Department is projecting about a \$1.9 million shortfall in city revenues, primarily due to reduced sales tax income. As a result, the city is cutting the budget in a number of areas.

First, each city department was asked to reduce its operating budget by one percent. Second, non-essential capital projects were reduced or put on hold. As the economy continues to move forward, the city will closely monitor revenues and determine if further cutbacks are necessary. As always, Sandy City will work to provide the best municipal services possible in an effective and efficient manner.

If you would like to know more about the city's budget, it is available on-line at www.sandy.utah.gov.

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### **Snow Removal Reminder**

Winter storms can greatly impact travel conditions and city residents during snow events. Sandy City wants to minimize the impacts to our residents by making the roads as safe as possible during hazardous snow conditions. The city's goal is to quickly open the streets and make them passable for traffic. The Public Works Department would like to share the following information with Sandy City residents and work together to keep the roads as safe as possible.

Due to many variables that are inherent with Utah weather, each winter storm may require a slightly different effort or emphasis. For example, response time to residential streets will depend on several factors such as the time of day the storm impacts travel, the moisture content in the snow and the duration of the storm.

### **Snow Removal Protocol**

Parking on city streets is not

allowed during a snow storm

or during the 24 hours after

the end of a storm.

From Nov. 1 through April 30, snow removal crews are prepared to work 24 hours a day. The streets within Sandy City are prioritized based on road volume.

- Initial Response: All main arterial roads providing access to schools, hospitals, fire stations and police stations. These are commonly roads with the highest traffic volume.
- Secondary Responses: All other collector roads connecting with main roads leading to residential streets. Lastly, all remaining streets such as cul-de-sacs and dead-ends are plowed.

As long as the snow continues to fall, the city's first goal is to keep the main roads open and passable. In such instances, it is unlikely that residential roads will be reached immediately because main roads must be repeatedly plowed to maintain safe passage. As soon as all initial response streets are clear, plows will move into the residential areas.

### Tips and Precautions for Sandy Residents

- Blowing or pushing snow into any city street is hazardous and is not allowed.
- Parking overnight on city streets is not allowed from Nov. 1 to April 30 to ensure safe passage of snow plows.
- Parking on city streets is not allowed during a snow storm or during the 24 hours after the end of a storm.
- Citing drivers for parking on streets during these times is allowed.
- Mail patrons are asked to clear the area in front of their mailbox once plows have been through the neighborhood.
- Homeowners are responsible to clear snow from sidewalks in front of their homes within 24 hours of a storm.
- Please be kind to elderly or infirm neighbors by shoveling or keeping their areas clean.
- For sidewalk snow removal questions or problems, call Sandy City Code Enforcement at 568-7254.

For additional questions about snow removal contact the Public Works Department at 568-2999.